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SUBJECT: AMERICAN FISHING BOAT FIRED ON

1. FRONT-PAGE STORY IN FEBRUARY 28 ISSUE OF AUCKLAND DAILY "THE NEW ZEALAND HERALD" REPORTS THAT AMERICAN FISHING VESSEL "MICHAEL ANGELO" WAS FIRED UPON OVER THE WEEKEND BY A NEW ZEALAND-OWNED TRAWLER OFF THE WHAKATANE COAST OF THE NORTH ISLAND. NO DAMAGE TO THE AMERICAN SHIP NOR INJURIES TO THE CREW WERE REPORTED. A SIMILAR VERSION OF THE SAME INCIDENT WAS BROADCAST OVER THE WELLINGTON RADIO ON FEBRUARY 28.

2. OUR CONTACTS IN THE NEW ZEALAND POLICE EXPLAIN THAT THE FISHING GROUNDS IN WHICH THE "MICHAEL ANGELO" WAS SAILING ARE KEENLY CONTESTED BY FISHERMEN. THE NEW ZEALAND BOAT, FROM WHICH THE FIRE WAS DIRECTED, WAS ALREADY IN A PARTICULAR AREA WHEN AN AMERICAN BOAT APPROACHED CLOSER THAN THE NEW ZEALAND BOAT CAPTAIN THOUGHT APPROPRIATE. THE NEW ZEALANDERS THEN FIRED A RIFLE INTO THE WATER AS A WARNING TO THE AMERICANS. THE BULLETT UNFORTUNATELY RICOCHETED AND HIT THE SIDE OF THE AMERICAN BOAT. THE HITTING WAS NOT INTENDED AND THE FIRING WAS NOT RELATED TO THE FACT THAT THE STRUCK BOAT WAS AMERICAN.

3. NEWSPAPER ARTICLE REFERS TO POSSIBILITY OF LEGAL ACTION OVER THE INCIDENT BUT THIS APPEARS UNLIKELY.

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